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Marginal Column By OUR POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

WHAT constitutes a holiday for a head of Government who stays in the country, closely follows all its developments, maintains contact with members of the Cabinet who are deputizing for him, and who takes more than routine interest in the Army and its doings, is beginning to puzzle the country's sensation-hungry Press, particularly the afternoon papers that must produce a juicy headline a day to keep competition away. Mr. Ben Gurion has had no vacation to speak of since long before the War of Independence, and if then, in the last five or six years, he has had a rest of a few weeks at Tiberias in the winter, he has been on a flying antiquities and book-hunting expedition to Athens and Oxford in 1950. In 1951, he paid a blitz visit to the States, to open the Bay of Pigs campaign—a coast-to-coast affair with plenty of change but no rest.

His absence from office for 11 rest periods in the country has never been allowed to be what they were intended, assuming they could have been intended for rest and recreation. They were always interrupted by consultations of all kinds, and his Tiberias hotel was but another office. This is the fate of most Prime Ministers, and Mr. Ben Gurion is no exception. The present spell of absence from office routine—and it has been more than that—has been full of activity for the Prime Minister. He has kept in touch with Mr. Sharett and Mr. Lavon, of course, and it is a safe assumption that no one could be in the foreign affairs or defence sphere as he has been without him. As it happens, these two spheres recently have converged more intimately than perhaps at any other time. And there have been domestic anxieties which Mr. Ben Gurion neither could nor would avoid. From the running sore at partitioned Ein Harod to the question of stabilization of wages and prices. Whether he is a visitor of note in the country or not, he is sought him out and whom he has not met since, whether in Tel Aviv, Jerusalem, or Haifa. On the other hand, he is the Army, the object of his special solicitude and affection, and when the Defence Minister leaves with the troops, and by no means in spirit only.

WHAT Mr. Ben Gurion has been doing with his time is not hard to guess. He has been watching, reading, and writing. He has been considering the days—the nation's, the Party's and his own. A tireless writer, he has been reducing his reflections and conclusions to paper. Perhaps a book will emerge, maybe a blue-print. Whether it does or not, he will have passed to look around in a way that is not possible in an office at the mercy of callers. For him to be rid of a period of the tyranny of routine is a holiday in the sense that any change is, and represents a sound investment for the nation. As all investments, it is not without some discomfort and dislocation. The Cabinet misses his instantaneous leadership; his colleagues, especially those deputizing for him, Mr. Sharett foremost, are crouching under more than a double burden. Mapai is left without his continuous guidance; the country as a whole, accustomed as it has become to his being visibly at his post, feels like a ship that has dropped its pilot. And this gives rise to foolish speculation about disagreements and sulks, for which there is foundation only in the imagination of the headline artists. They will learn that this is so, when, or before, the Knesset meets again, but then they will not admit that they had guessed wrong.

Jerusalem, October 13.

Ben Gurion to Attend Cabinet Meeting

Prime Minister David Ben Gurion is to attend the Cabinet meeting next Sunday. Government spokesmen confirmed yesterday in Jerusalem. He did not indicate whether Mr. Ben Gurion would return to his desk after his vacation.

From General Zionism quarters it was learned that the Prime Minister's meeting with the four General Zionism Ministers is set for tomorrow. The probable agenda will include the flag and anthem issue in the nation's schools.

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Better Prospects For Korea Talks

PANMUNJOM, Monday. — Prospects of early convocation of the Korean peace talks brightened today in spite of a sharp U.N. Command accusation that the Communists had violated the armistice by bringing combat plane reinforcements into North Korea.

North Korean Foreign Minister Nam Il announced today that his country "still" wanted the Korean issue settled by peaceful means, and therefore "wished to promote the realization of a political conference at the earliest possible date."

In a message to the U.N. Secretary General, Nam Il proposed meeting U.N. representatives here to set the time, place and composition of the conference. The message was sent, Pyongyang Radio announced, after consultation with Communist China. China had previously suggested such a meeting.

The Foreign Minister reiterated the statement that the Premier Chou En Lai that the conference should not be a duplicate of the one held in 1951.

Gov't Convenes 2nd Economic Meeting

Three years after the conference of American Jewish leaders in Jerusalem in September 1950, the Government convened a second conference at the end of this month, the Government spokesman announced last night.

The purpose of the conference is to hear a report on progress in Israel in the absorption of immigrants and the development of the country. The prospects for the future will be reviewed, and the Government will discuss the continued building of the country in the years immediately ahead towards the end of attaining economic independence.

The conclusions of the conference will serve as a guide for the future fund raising efforts of the U.N. and the Bond Drive, as well as for the investment of private capital.

Majority From U.S.

The programme of the conference and the list of participants were drawn up after consultation with the Jewish Agency. Personal invitations have been sent by Prime Minister Ben Gurion. The majority of those invited will be coming from the U.S. and will be mainly leaders of the Jewish community in the U.S. and as well as representatives of other circles actively interested in the economic condition of Israel. A number of leaders from other countries—the U.K., France, Canada, South Africa and the Argentine have also been asked to be present.

The conference will be opened in Jerusalem by the Prime Minister on October 25, and will last five days. The programme includes addresses by Cabinet Ministers and Government experts and members of the Jewish Agency Executive. It is possible that it will also include a short tour of the country.

It is expected that the conference will issue a Manifesto which will outline a programme for the financial effort of the next few years.

Bennike to Meet Foreign Minister

Jerusalem Post Reporter.
General Vagan Bennike, U.N. Chief of Staff in Jerusalem, has accepted an invitation from Mr. Moshe Sharett, the Foreign Minister, to discuss the Hush question today or Thursday, a United Nations spokesman has disclosed. He explained that the meeting would thus rectify an arrangement suggested by Mr. Sharett in his exchange of correspondence with the General.

General Bennike has not changed his initial attitude towards the hydro-electric project, the spokesman disclosed, and intends to reiterate his request for unconditional stoppage of work in the Jordan River demilitarized zone. He appears to regard implementation of his ruling in the Hush question as a test-case, involving both his own authority, as an official new to the post, and that of the United Nations. The attempt by the Israel Government to secure a compromise by means of a temporary cessation in the area, therefore cannot succeed, the spokesman indicated.

The General is scheduled to meet the Egyptian delegate to the Israel-Egyptian MAC when he travels to Gaza on Wednesday. Consultations will take place on the alleged breaches of the armistice agreement, and the situation in the Nitzana area of the demilitarized zone. A meeting of the committee established to consider Israel's appeal against the Israel-Egyptian MAC is also due. The meeting will deal with the MAC's prohibition of Israeli armed guards from Givat Rahel in the demilitarized zone.

The Israel Foreign Ministry spokesman last night had no comment to make on the United Nations communication.

U.K. Will Not Help Syria Against Israel

LONDON, Monday (Reuters). — Britain, which has assured Syria that she backs the U.N. Chief of Staff, has on Israel's Jordan River canal project, would not support any Syrian military moves against Israel on the issue, diplomatic quarters said here today.

Israel's expressed willingness to suspend work on the project in the demilitarized zone in response to General Vagan Bennike's ruling has brought satisfaction here as Britain had already counseled Israel to follow this line.

On September 28, Syria asked Britain, the U.S. and France to compel Israel to obey General Bennike.

West Renewing Offer to Soviet On German Talks

PARIS, Monday (UP). — The U.S., Britain and France agreed today to issue a new invitation to the Soviet Union to attend a Foreign Ministers' conference on German unification and Austrian independence.

The Western Big Three proposal is contained in a note which will be transmitted to the Soviet Union by the West German legation in Moscow.

It will answer the Soviet note of September 28 in which the Russians ignored a Western invitation to a Four Power Lugano conference on Germany and Austria for this Thursday.

Instead, the Kremlin proposed a meeting of the four Foreign Ministers on Germany and another of five Ministers, including a Chinese representative, on all other problems.

The Western note calls for inclusion of the Austrian peace treaty problem on the agenda, stating that the Soviet suggestion to handle this question by "normal diplomatic channels" is not fitting after so many years of such futile negotiation.

As to the call for a Big-Five conference on other matters causing world tension, the Western note, it is believed, leaves the door open for such a meeting in the future but insists that the Korean peace conference be held first.

Arab League Secretaries Go to Bonn, Madrid

Abdul Khalek Hasana, Secretary General of the Arab League, is to leave Cairo for Western Germany soon, on a "top level economic mission" to discuss the League's financial situation with the German Government.

His mission, it is understood, is connected with the Israeli-German Reparations Agreement.

According to the United Press, Ahmed El Shukri, Deputy Secretary General of the Arab League, leaves for Madrid tomorrow for consultations with the members of Generalissimo Franco's Cabinet.

The purpose of his visit will be to strengthen economic, social and cultural relations between the Arab States and Spain, Shukri said, adding that he was not contemplating any military or political deals while in Madrid.

Guiana Ex-P.M. Asks For London Hearing

GEORGETOWN, Monday (Reuters). — Mr. L. F. B. Burnham, Chairman of the current "treason trials" here, will be hanged tomorrow morning. Revolution Command headquarters said tonight.

He is a 39-year-old Mahomed Sabri Ali, sentenced to death for treason, espionage and working for a foreign interest.

Since General Naghi launched his revolution a year ago, two workers were hanged for their part in the Kfar E-Savar cotton mill riots last August. Three others sentenced to death were reprieved.

Karim Thabet, former Press Counsellor to ex-King Farouk, today appeared before the Revolution Tribunal charged with treason and corruption. He pleaded not guilty. The hearing will be resumed on Thursday.

LEBANON RESIGNATION

Rashid Karamah, Lebanese Minister for Economic Affairs and former President, has signed in protest against the Cabinet's failure to approve his scheme for the complete unification of Lebanon and Syria.

RUMANIAN SPIES TO DIE

LONDON, Monday (Reuters). — The official Rumanian news agency Agerpres reports that 12 of the 15 persons accused in Bucharest for action as "American spies" were sentenced to death. The remaining three were given prison terms.

Equalize Power Rates—Joseph

Jerusalem Post Reporter.
Electricity rates in Jerusalem should be the same as throughout the country, the Capital should pay much less for its water, and no more than elsewhere for land sold by the Development Authority, Dr. Dov Joseph, Minister of Development, said at yesterday's meeting of the Jerusalem Economic Club.

Once agreement finally has been reached between the Jerusalem Electric Corporation and the Jerusalem Electric Corporation, the Minister will not be prepared to accept a difference in rates, especially as the new cable, to be completed by November, will ensure unlimited supplies of current to the Capital.

Dr. Joseph indicated that he would emphasize these points at the Cabinet meeting to be devoted to Jerusalem's economic and municipal problems. He will stress again that Jerusalem is entitled to head the list for bank credit, for raw material and for tax-relief beyond that extended to foreign investors in new industrial concerns.

Although the Government decided to help Jerusalem in this direction, the policy has not yet been fully implemented. Permits to establish light industries should only be given for the Jerusalem area, Dr. Joseph declared.

Jerusalem's dismal failure to attract tourists must be blamed

"Pravda" Denounces Proposed Peace Pact

MOSCOW, Monday (UP). — The Communist Party organ "Pravda" said today that Western proposals for a non-aggression pact with Russia were "a propaganda ploy aimed at confusing the masses."

The article was the first Soviet reaction to the non-aggression idea recently advanced in various forms by British Prime Minister Winston Churchill, German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer and American Democratic Leader Adlai Stevenson.

The Russian Government apparently has ignored the proposals.

"Pravda" used its disapproval of the proposed "security arrangements" as the springboard for a lengthy attack on the U.S.

U.S. Envoy May Ease Suez Talks Impasse

CAIRO, Monday. — Egypt and Britain looked to U.S. Ambassador Jefferson Caffery as a possible key mediator in their Suez Canal dispute today.

Egyptian negotiators met without comment in what might be the last of their months-long informal discussions.

Today's meeting lasted one hour. It was feared that it might be the last in the series of informal talks aimed at reaching a basis for Anglo-Egyptian agreement on the Suez Canal and military base. It came after a declaration by Egyptian Vice Premier Gamal Abdel Nasser that he was "fed up" with the talks, and by Minister of National Guidance Saad El Shafar.

The spotlight turned on Mr. Caffery, who has previously acted as intermediary when one of his assistants, Embassy Counselor William Lakeland, conferred with Salem for 20 minutes.

Mr. Caffery said that Nasser would be absent from today's talks.

"Any Cost, Any Means" In a statement last night, President Nasser said: "We are determined to attain complete freedom and sovereignty for our country. We are confident that sooner or later we will realize our rights at any cost and by any means."

Meanwhile, the first anti-British outbreak of violence for some time occurred in Ismailia yesterday afternoon. Three Egyptian soldiers armed with revolvers and a sten gun fired at two Royal Air Force planes, at the roadside outside the Ismailia British base.

At least one of the two men were slightly wounded. (Reuters, UP)

Sabri Ali To Hang Today

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Indictment served yesterday charged him with having "attempted to contact foreign interests with the aim of endangering the security of the State" and with having brought about political, economic and moral corruption by "treason."

Cairo Radio announced this evening that a journalist, Mahmud Shukri, is to stand trial in the present series for "high treason on behalf of a foreign power."

SOVIET ENVOY CHANGED

MOSCOW, Monday (Reuters). — The Soviet Union has recalled its Ambassador to Egypt, Semion Kozlov, of his duties "in connection with a transfer to other work," it was announced here yesterday.

He is to be replaced by a newcomer, Semionovich Solod, a Soviet diplomat who was in Egypt for some time.

'Mother of Moshavot' Ends Fete

Jerusalem Post Reporter.
PETAH TIKVA, Monday. — The huge "Kikar Ha'even" was held to celebrate the achievement of Petah Tikva.

He spoke of Yosef Moshe Salomon and Yehoshua Stampfer who strove for the development of the land and were among the founders of Petah Tikva. They were for Israel what Columbus was for the world.

Chief Rabbi Heron and Mayor Pini as Rashid were among the speakers. Acting Defense Minister Pinhas Lelon, Secretary General of the Histadrut M. Namir and local dignitaries were present.

Russia Condemns US-UK Transfer of Trieste Zone A

Yugoslavia Asks Conference 'Violation Of Italian Treaty'

BELGRADE, Monday. — Yugoslav Deputy Foreign Minister Alex Bebler today handed notes to diplomatic representatives of the U.S., Britain and Italy proposing a conference of the three powers with Yugoslavia "to eliminate the threat to peace which could arise out of the present situation."

The note said that Yugoslavia was forced to regard the implementation of the decision to hand over Zone A of Trieste to Italy as an aggressive act by Italy. Yugoslavia's duty was to defend her rights and national interests, and, as the situation constituted a threat to peace, Yugoslavia had informed the U.N. of the situation.

The protest said that Zone A of the Free Territory was ethnically Yugoslav while the town of Trieste had a mixed ethnic structure. It added that Trieste was built as an essential port for the hinterland.

The Anglo-American decision and its acceptance by Italy contradicted the Italian peace treaty and was therefore tantamount to an attack on the rights and national interests of the Yugoslav Republic, the notes declared. At the same time, the decision meant an infringement of the fundamental principle of equality of sovereign rights of all states as established by the U.N. Charter.

The notes said that the Anglo-American decision and its acceptance by Italy were directly connected with the military demonstrations which had been made by Italy along the Yugoslav frontier since last August. These demonstrations had been accompanied by incidents and infringements of Yugoslav airspace, they stated.

The aggressive pressure by Italy had created a situation which the Yugoslav Government considered would be a threat to international peace and security. Therefore, the Yugoslav Government had considered it essential to inform the Secretary General of the U.N. of the situation.

Nevertheless, the Yugoslav Government, aware of its obligations under the U.N. Charter proposed direct talks between Britain, the U.S., Italy and Yugoslavia. But, the notes concluded, such a conference would serve no purpose if, in the meantime, the Anglo-American decision was implemented. (AP, Reuters, UP)

Zone B Reinforced By Tito's Army, Navy

BELGRADE, Monday. — New contingents of the Yugoslav Army and Navy have arrived in Yugoslav-occupied Zone B of Trieste, the official Yugoslav news agency, Tanjug, said here today.

Stormy crowds in this city attacked the head of the U.S. Information Service, Mr. William King in the Reading Room of the USIS. The British Reading Room here was also invaded, and British newspapers and posters torn.

Diplomatic activity was intense during the day. The British Ambassador and the American Charge d'Affaires called on Deputy Foreign Minister, Alex Bebler, to complain of the demonstrations against their countries, and also, presumably, to make it clear that their Governments were determined not to go back on the decision to hand over their Zone of Trieste to Italy.

"We Will March" In Washington today, Yugoslav Foreign Minister Koco Popovic called on Secretary of State Dulles to protest the decision and to repeat President Tito's warning of yesterday that his Army would march into Zone A "the moment the first Italian soldier sets foot there."

Later, Mr. Popovic said that the situation was "really grave." He declined to discuss his 50-minute meeting, but said that he was calling on Mr. Dulles later this evening.

In Trieste itself, 2,000 Yugoslavs paraded through the streets shouting slogans. Another procession was formed by 200 Italian High School pupils singing patriotic songs. (AP, Reuters)

Syria Reiterates Morocco Appeal

UNITED NATIONS, Monday (UP). — Syrian Delegate Farid Zein E-din called on the U.N. today to support a resolution demanding independence for Morocco, and warned that the issue was not between France and Morocco but "between France and 15 Asian-African countries."

He urged approval of the 15-nation Asian-African resolution filed with the Secretariat on Friday. It calls for Moroccan independence within five years, free elections, and the U.N. Secretary General's intervention with the French Government to implement the resolution.

Kuwait Revolt Denied

LONDON, Monday (Reuters). — A Foreign Office spokesman said here today that reports that the Sheikh of Kuwait had been deposed by his police chief were without foundation.

A correspondent of the Beirut newspaper "Al Hayat" today cabled from Kuwait that Sheikh Abdullah Sabah was in good health and maintained full authority in the British protectorate.

CIVIL SERVANTS' SALARIES

As of Sunday, 11.3m. had been paid civil servants on account of September salaries and the remaining 11.3m. will be paid by Thursday, a Finance Ministry spokesman announced yesterday.

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Haifa	45	55	65	75	85	95	105
Beirut	48	58	68	78	88	98	108
Baghdad	50	60	70	80	90	100	110
London	55	65	75	85	95	105	115
Paris	58	68	78	88	98	108	118
Rome	60	70	80	90	100	110	120
Moscow	65	75	85	95	105	115	125
Stockholm	70	80	90	100	110	120	130
Oslo	75	85	95	105	115	125	135
Reykjavik	80	90	100	110	120	130	140
London	55	65	75	85	95	105	115
Paris	58	68	78	88	98	108	118
Rome	60	70	80	90	100	110	120
Moscow	65	75	85	95	105	115	125
Stockholm	70	80	90	100	110	120	130
Oslo	75	85	95	105	115	125	135
Reykjavik	80	90	100	110	120	130	140

(A) Humidity at 1 p.m. (B) Minimum temp. (C) Maximum temp. (D) Maximum wind speed.

TWO COWS and two calves valued at IL2,000 were stolen on Sunday night from Tel Aviv.

PACKETS of netting for chicken coops were taken from Kfar Asaria. In both cases, police followed tracks to the border.

FOUND GUILTY of possessing automatic scales 20 grams underweight, Yehoshua Oren, a Jaffa butcher, was given the alternative of IL40 fine or one month in prison by a Tel Aviv Magistrate yesterday.

FOR OFFERING a IL30 bribe to a police sergeant and goods he who held a warrant to search his flat for unguaged goods last August, Eliahu Ofman, 44, of Tel Aviv, was given the alternative of a IL100 fine or three months in prison by a Tel Aviv Magistrate yesterday.

He was also bound over to a year of good behaviour for two years.

REFUGEES from the Old City, who have been living in corrugated iron huts in Jaffa for the past three years, are to be housed in 200 two-room flats, the Tel Aviv Finance Committee has decided.

A PRIVATE CAR belonging to Menahem Kretzer, of Tel Aviv, was stolen from the Conquest of the Desert Exhibition parking space on Sunday. It is a Henry J model, license number 9136, color: green.

EXPORT OF General three to Turkey will reach \$70,000 at the end of the year.

Yevin Gets Three Years in Prison

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Reparations Will Liquidate Foreign Deficit in Decade, Dan Says

TEL AVIV, Monday.—Mr. Hillel Dan, Director of the Shilumim Corporation, sounded an optimistic note today when he told a press conference here that by the end of this decade Israel will be rid of its foreign trade deficit, mainly through Reparations funds.

He was hopeful that next year the country's Reparations income would be \$100 million, the maximum amount provided for in the Reparations Agreement.

The German, who has the choice of allotting up to a minimum of 200m. marks, were doing well financially and would be able to pay the full sum.

Mr. Dan said that the stringent arrangements under which Israel was to purchase only German goods were now being relaxed. The Shilumim Mission was buying goods in other parts of Europe where the Germans have credits, thereby gaining by placing orders at the most favorable quotations.

Summing up the first three months of the receipt of German goods, he announced that IL2m. worth of these goods had already reached the country, while orders had been placed to the value of 70,000 marks (43 marks equal \$1).

85% Sold

Of the orders placed, 85% had already been sold, he said, indicating that the Mission was buying what was in demand here, and that there was money in Israel to pay for the goods, sometimes much in advance.

Until April, the flow of goods to Israel is expected to be at a steady rate of 20,000 to 30,000 tons monthly.

Mr. Dan touched briefly on what he called a long-term plan now under consideration which envisages the investment in development of \$100m. in the next four years, \$300,000 of which would come from Reparations funds.

Gen. Horrocks: You Have Nothing to Fear

LYDDA AIRPORT, Monday (ITM).—The extent of the Arab threat is exaggerated in Israel, Lieutenant-General Sir Brian G. Horrocks, former Commander of the British Army of the Rhine, said here today.

He said he was in Israel for two weeks as guest of the Army, and during that time gave a series of lectures to senior officers as well as being a member of the British Army of the Rhine.

General Horrocks considered the Israel armed forces to be modern, well-trained and high morale. With that high morale anything could be done, he said. There was therefore no reason to fear.

The General stated that he was particularly impressed with the high level of training of reserve troops and with the speed with which reserves are mobilized. He had seen a reserve brigade mobilized speedily, he announced.

The manner in which the Army served as a university for the education of the Israeli citizen, and the employment of troops in agriculture had greatly impressed him.

General Horrocks intends writing a series of articles on his visit and will broadcast over the B.B.C.

Collectives Take Part in Manoeuvres

By SHAY SHAPIRO

JERUSALEM Post Military Reporter

SOUTHERN GALILEE, Monday.—A number of villages in Southern Galilee are being given a foretaste of war by taking part in the current Army manoeuvres as the settlements are taking an active part in the war games.

Work in the fields has stopped, and the settlements are equipped with anti-aircraft guns and machine guns.

The part which the settlements are asked to play has been very seriously performed — for the manoeuvres are being held in an area which would not be disturbed by the fighting.

The Arab villages in the area, however, have been put out of bounds to both sides, and their life has not been disturbed in any way. Only if operations are likely to take place near them would the inhabitants be asked to remain indoors for a short time.

The area was chosen many months ago as a suitable battleground to test a combined operation in low hills. Tanks and aircraft have been assigned to both forces, whose commanders have been named for the manoeuvres.

After so many army manoeuvres and exercises in the past four years, the games do not contain many new thrills.

There is a lot of "how" among the officers of the Northern Command, who have been vested with the manoeuvres command. It is routine for everybody — even for the soldier in the field.

Nazareth Election Committee Meets

NAZARETH, Monday.—The three-man Municipal Election Committee held its first meeting today under the chairmanship of Mr. Majid Fahum, with Mr. Moshe Ruz, Northern District Officer, for the Minorities, present.

It is the whole town you should have at hand. Don't think in terms of religious communities, of families or political parties," the Chairman said.

The town was divided into 13 zones, and a plan was made to compile a voters' register which will include all persons living in the town on October 1.

Season's First Citrus Exports Loaded

HAIFA, Monday.—The first consignment of this season's citrus fruit, 25,000 cases of grapefruit, is being loaded today on the s.s. Hader for Britain.

The ship, which is to leave tomorrow night, will also take four tons of melons, a Trava Export. A shipment of 150 tons of copper ore from the Negev will be on board on its way to Belgium.

It was learned that the next citrus shipment of about 500,000 cases will be forwarded within a month, and a third four weeks later.

The export season will be

Memorial Meeting for Technichovsky

TEL AVIV, Monday.—The tenth anniversary of the death of Shaul Technichovsky, the poet, will be commemorated by a memorial meeting at the Tel Aviv Municipal Council hall.

The meeting, attended by Mayor Meir Yezerski and authors Y. Y. Karmi, Y. Karmi and D. Yezerski, will be held at 8 p.m. at the Municipal Council hall (former Rosenfeld building) at 130 Tel Aviv.

Sharetz Receives Disabled Soldiers

Representatives of the World War II Disabled Veterans Association were received recently by Foreign Minister Moshe Sharetz.

Mr. Sharetz showed an interest in the Association's problems and promised to attend its forthcoming Conference.

School Hours

School hours are to be reduced by 1.5% this year due to the State's financial position and the decision of the Teachers' Association regarding the request that each school should have an additional two hours a week, the Ministry of Education and Culture announced yesterday.

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Mr. A. K. Karmi, Director of the Ministry of Education, said that the Government had decided to postpone the amendment making parents partially responsible for financing five-year-olds' education.

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